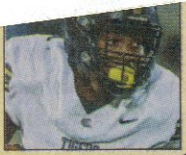


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Elba City Council approves electronic signature policy to allow police department to apply for grant

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Oct. 7, council members approved an electronic signature policy for the police department that makes way for that department to move forward with a grant application.

City clerk Sally Bane said the police department is applying for a grant from the state that would reimburse the city for overtime pay for officers that come in to work traffic duty only during times beyond their regular shift work.

"We are listed in a hotspot because of all the accidents on the 84 bypass between New Brockton and the Curtis community," Bane said. "Therefore, we feel there is a good chance for us to receive the grant to help work traffic."

She said the idea is to make the roadways safer because of increased police patrol. If the Elba department were to receive the grant, officers would work only Elba's jurisdiction when providing the overtime traffic patrol.

Bane said the grant runs from October - September. It can be renewed annually.

"The grant facilitator here has to submit everything online for us to be able to get reimbursement," Bane said. "That requires the facilitator to be able to sign paperwork electronically, therefore, created a need for the electronic signature policy."

Council members approved the policy to allow the police department to

move forward with seeking the grant.

While on the topic of the police department, council member Jane Brunson asked if the pursuit of this grant meant the department now has enough personnel to warrant the overtime traffic patrol work. She said it was only a few months ago that the department was extremely low of officers, and the council was hearing the ones working then were tired of having to work overtime continuously.

Assistant Chief Cole Dean said the department is only two officers short of a full staff at this time. He said the council's vote a while back to increase officer pay had helped tremendously in filling the vacant slots.

Now, there is extra

time that would allow for the voluntary traffic patrol 'overtime' for those interested instead of it being mandatory overtime, both Bane and Dean confirmed.

Also, during the meeting Bane said the city has received a grant from ADEM for the recreation department for rubber mulch for the Hawkins-Williams Park playground. She said facilitation work is beginning on that.

Council members voted to reappoint Jane Brunson and Julie Holley each to new terms on the Elba Water and Electric Board.

The Elba City Council and the Elba Water and Electric Board will hold a joint work session meeting Thursday, Oct. 24, to discuss the FY2025 budget.

Coffee County Jail inmate dies; autopsy to determine cause of death requested

According to Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd, on the morning of Friday, Oct. 4, Coffee County Jail staff found inmate Eric Nathaniel Hicks unresponsive on his bunk in his cell.

"Medical staff and corrections deputies immediately began life saving measures and contacted Enterprise Rescue," a press release from the sheriff stated. "Rescue personnel continued to revive Mr. Hicks, but those attempts were not successful. Mr. Hicks was pronounced deceased."

Hicks, age 37, was a resident of Enterprise, Ala. He had been in the custody of the Coffee County Jail since June 16, 2024 on warrants for possession of a controlled substance, probation violation, and failure to appear.

Sheriff Byrd requested the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency conduct an investigation of this incident. Further, he said an autopsy to determine the cause of death was requested.

The investigation is ongoing, and no further information is available at this time.



UNDEFEATED SEASON! The Kinston Bulldogs Junior High Volleyball Team completed the 2024 undefeated at 12-0. Coach Suzanne Elmore said this was a great accomplishment by these young ladies! Those pictured include: (kneeling, l to r) Gracie Brown, Maggie Johnson, Harper Morris, and Lillee Kay Robbins; (standing, l to r) Coach Suzanne Elmore, Emma-Kate Marler, MaKayla Bond, Maci Williamson, Ella Greene, Kylee Jenkins, Madi Phillips, Adalyn Whigham, and Coach Tiffany Johnson.

SOS reminds Alabamians to register to vote

Secretary of State Wes Allen wants to remind Alabama citizens that the deadline to register to vote before the November 5, 2024 General Election is Monday, October 21, 2024.

"The right of eligible United States citizens to cast a ballot in a fair and secure election is one of the hallmarks of our constitutional republic," Allen said. "I encourage all eligible Alabama citizens to register to vote and make plans to head to the polls on November 5."

Electronic voter registration may be completed by visiting <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote>. A paper voter registration form may be delivered in person or by mail to the local Board of Registrars.

To be eligible to vote in Alabama, one must be a citizen of the United States, reside in Alabama, and be 18 years old on or before election day. One must not be barred from voting due to a disqualifying felony conviction or have been judged "mentally incompetent" by a court of law.

Sample ballots for the 2024 General Election are available at: <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/2024-general-election-sample-ballots>.

(Also, a copy of the sample ballot for Coffee County is on Page 10 of today's paper.) On election day, polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters are required to present a valid form of photo identification when voting at their polling place or by absentee ballot. Cumulative

election results will be posted on the Alabama Secretary of State's website at www.AlabamaVotes.gov.

For questions about registering to vote in Alabama, call the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office at 334-242-7210 or your local county Board of Registrars.

Secretary Allen extends his gratitude to local election officials for their hard work preparing for a fair, secure, and transparent 2024 General Election.

NOTICE:

City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 14, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. Garbage pickup, however, will remain on the normal schedule.



Emergency personnel in Elba, including police, firefighters, and rescue personnel, responded to the scene of this one vehicle accident last Friday morning, Oct. 4, at 1597 Claxton Ave. N (Brantley Hwy) in Elba. Reportedly, the driver of the Nissan Frontier truck, Heath Vaughan of Elba, lost control of the vehicle and overturned. Wet roads could have been a contributing factor in this wreck. Vaughan was transported to a local hospital to be checked out medically, but officials on scene said they did not believe he had suffered any serious injuries. The accident was reported at 9:24 a.m.

Set to start this year at 6:30 p.m.

Elba announces plans for annual Pumpkins on the Square event to be Halloween night

Halloween kicks off in force on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 6:30 p.m. in Elba for one of the Wiregrass area's most fun fall events. For one evening only, Elba hosts Pumpkins on the Square a Halloween extravaganza around the square. Building on the tradition of safe trick or treating for children the event is presented by the City of Elba and Elba Chamber of Commerce. It is made possible thanks to the support of Chamber member local businesses, churches and organizations. "You're invited to dress up your little ones, don a costume of your own, trick-or-treat at the ultimate neighborhood—Elba's Court Square—come and join the block party at Pumpkins on the Square beginning at 6:30," said Elba Chamber director Sandy Williams. "Pumpkins on the Square is a family-focused event where neighbors can meet fellow neighbors and have Trick-or-Treat fun in a safe environment. It is inspiring to work with our business community, organizations, and churches that are all dedicated to helping make trick or treat a safe event for area children."

The City and the Chamber of Commerce invites families to come early to shop and dine before joining the party.

The start of the event has been pushed back 30 minutes this year from 6 to 6:30 p.m. due to offices at the Coffee County Courthouse begin open until 5:30 p.m. The delayed start

Seniors residing at Serenity South in Elba excited to hand out candy on the evening of Halloween!

Serenity South Senior Living of Elba invites all to come trick-or-treat with the residing seniors on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Serenity South is located at 2805 Taylor Mill Road, Elba.

Also, anyone interested in donating candy for the seniors to hand out are asked to bring bags of candy to the assisted living facility by Monday, Oct. 28th.

will give more time to allow those employees to leave work and to provide ample time for event participants to set up for Pumpkins. This year's festival will include decorated tables shattered around the Square sponsored by civic groups, business folks, and church groups all distributing free candy. Offerings of other fun activities for the whole family to enjoy will also be available.

There will be events such as the Hayride, jumpy houses, Marley Acres Petting Zoo, and the costume contest. The Coffee County Extension Service's Farm City Committee

will again sponsor free locally grown boiled peanuts. Other vendors and businesses and food trucks will have offerings around Court Square. And there will be live music. Businesses, churches and organizations giving out treats to local children should bring their own tables and set-up anywhere they would like around Court Square. Children will trick or treat at the tables along the sidewalks and on the Courthouse grounds.

Event admission is free. Parking is free. For more information, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce 334-897-3125.

Deadline to return absentee ballots for General Election is later this month

Secretary of State Wes Allen wants to remind Alabama voters that county absentee election managers must receive mail-in absentee ballot applications by Tuesday, October 29, 2024. The deadline to return an absentee ballot application in person is Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Absentee ballots being returned in-person must be received by the county absentee election manager by close of business on the day before the election.

Area Happenings

The Elba vs Pleasant Home football game will be Thursday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. in Pleasant Home.

The Third Annual Wheels on the Square car show, sponsored by the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, will be Saturday, Oct. 12, on the square in Elba. Registration will be from 8-10 a.m. with trophy presentations beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 will host a community Blood Drive this Saturday, Oct. 12, during the Wheels on the Square car show in downtown Elba. The LifeSouth bloodmobile will be set up on the square for donations from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There are restrictions to be able to donate blood.

The Coffee County Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, Oct. 14, has been cancelled due to county offices being closed that day in observance of Columbus Day.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, through Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Oct. 1 – Animal complaint reported at 2805 Taylor Mill Rd (8:45 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 2645 Taylor Mill Rd (1:23 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 604 Kendrick St (2:15 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 711 Claxton Ave N (3:27 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 134 (6:23 p.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in five citations, four written warnings, one arrest, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, Oct. 2 – Animal complaint reported at 343 Brunson Circle – w/impound (8:43 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 604 Kendrick St (9:26 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2805 Taylor Mill Rd – w/impound (10:45 a.m.); Runaway juvenile reported at 891 Cedar Lane Dr (9:00 p.m.).

Thursday, Oct. 3 – Routine activity. Eleven

traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, seven citations, and one arrest.

Friday, Oct. 4 – Vehicle accident reported at Davis St E and Stroud Ave (7:48 a.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 1597 Claxton Ave N (9:24 a.m.); Reckless driver reported in the area of National Security on E Davis St (8:00 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1625 Parker St (8:25 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, one verbal warning, and two citations.

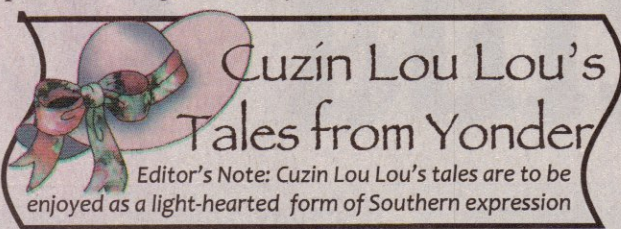
Saturday, Oct. 5 – Routine activity. Four traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, one written warning, and one citation.

Sunday, Oct. 6 – Suspicious person reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr – w/warning issued (9:32 a.m.); Vandalism reported at 1676 County Rd 409 – w/arrest (10:05 a.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Monday, Oct. 7 – Animal complaint reported at 196 Clark Ave (10:02

a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 412 Claxton Ave N (10:31 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1414 Reese Ave (5:07 p.m.); Drug activity

reported at 375 Hwy 203 (6:03 p.m.). Twelve traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, two verbal warnings, and four citations.



Cuzin Lou Lou went with Papa to a dermatologist appointment earlier this week.

There has been a spot on Papa's forehead for several years now that Lou Lou and Sister have been after him to go have it seen about, but he has been stubborn and refused to go. That is until recently. Another dark spot came up on Papa's chest, and that was when Lou Lou and Sister insisted he go to a dermatologist.

Knowing he was losing the battle, Papa had his general practitioner refer him to a dermatologist, and he asked Lou Lou to go with him for the initial visit.

Lou Lou got a little tickled at Papa as he spoke with the nurse. She was asking about spots he wanted checked, and while Lou Lou knew of the two spots, Papa came up with about three more while they were there.

The good news was the dark spot on the chest was quickly determined as nothing to be concerned with, but the spot on the forehead and another on the back of his neck both needed biopsies to check for skin cancer. The spot on the forehead was the one they are most concerned with, but still hoping pathology shows it is benign too.

They also froze a pre-cancerous spot on Papa's face that shouldn't be a problem now either.

All-in-all, it was a positive visit. The gang is just hoping for negative results on the two biopsies, which they

should hear back from in the next few weeks. Now, if Lou Lou and Sister can just talk "Mr. Stubborn" into going to have his knee checked out as well!

Papa has been hobbling around with a sore knee for two or three weeks now and ignoring his daughters when they suggest he go have it looked at by a doctor.

"I can't run to the doctor every time something hurts," is his response every time he is told to make a doctor's appointment for the knee.

Most days, Lou Lou would agree with that statement, but when he's been hurting and complaining for multiple weeks – it is time for stubborn to go see the doctor. While he and Lou Lou were sitting in the waiting room at the dermatologist's office, he informed her he had purchased some Aspercreme the day before to apply topically to his knee and it was already feeling better.

Nice try, Papa! He's been applying ointments, alcohol, etc. the whole time. It may feel better one day than the next, but the root of the problem still remains, and the pain will return! It must be tough getting old(er). Maybe this weekend when Lou Lou takes Papa to a Beach Boys concert, he will forget all those aches and pains and feel young again!

After all, as he said to someone this week, "that's music from my heyday!"

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

As we write this column, there is yet another major hurricane predicted to strike U.S. soil this week...this time, it is Hurricane Milton. As of Monday evening, Milton was categorized as a potentially catastrophic CAT 5 hurricane, and it was headed towards Florida. The prediction as of Monday evening was Milton would make landfall Wednesday night - as potentially a CAT 4 or strong CAT 3 hurricane bringing extremely dangerous water surges. Among the areas anticipated to be hit hardest was Tampa. We have family living in Clearwater, Florida, which is only a short distance from Tampa and positioned in between the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay. We are praying that by the time this reaches our readers we will be exhaling a sigh of relief that our family members and all others in Florida are safe. That is all we can do at the point... pray for their safety and well-being.

Over the past few years, we have seen posts on social media noting the difference being paid at stores now as compared to four years ago. The information paints a disturbing picture of high inflation. Well...this week we decided to do a personal comparison to see if all those posts were on point or not. We found a Wal-Mart receipt from November 2021 where we had purchased five items [toilet paper, hot apple cider k-cups, a tube of frozen cream corn, buttermilk, and laundry detergent]. We paid \$41.58 for those items in 2021. We added the same five items to our online shopping cart this week and figured in the taxes - in October 2024 we would pay \$26 more for the same items as we did in 2021. We don't know if that is as drastic as some of the social media posts we often see, but we do know those kinds of increases have definitely hurt our bank account! A couple of those items had doubled in price over the past three years, one of which was the cream corn!! Something has definitely got to give to help the American people be able to make ends meet because increased prices at the grocery stores, as shown with this analogy, are not helping keep things moving in the right direction for those of us working as hard as we can to keep afloat and still have a little spare change to jingle in our pockets.

We received a phone call last week from a citizen concerned that trash had not been picked up on his road for many weeks now. He said the roadside trash he had placed out for pickup has now been there eight weeks, and the time before that the trash was out for six weeks before being picked up. Then, Monday evening, we attended the work session for the Elba City Council where the city leaders were discussing problems they encounter with citizens putting household garbage by the road to be picked up as trash rather than putting those items in the garbage cans for pickup. The city leaders were discussing even potentially putting a halt to picking up things such as large item furniture and/or appliances from the roadside and being more aggressive with enforcing the ordinance rules on grass clippings, leaves, limbs, etc. Our take is there are problems on both sides of this issue. Some citizens are abusing the trash pickup rules thus causing delays with pickup and creating unsightly areas that just make things look bad, but on the other hand, the city is low on CDL drivers or experiences equipment breakdowns that does not help either. If the citizen we mentioned above has done things properly, there is no good reason for that trash to still be sitting there eight weeks later waiting to be picked up. As for those throwing household garbage onto trash piles by the road to be picked up - well, those folks are in the wrong too and we have to words for you -- STOP IT! We encourage the city leaders and the citizens to work together to find a solution here - not keep blaming the other side.

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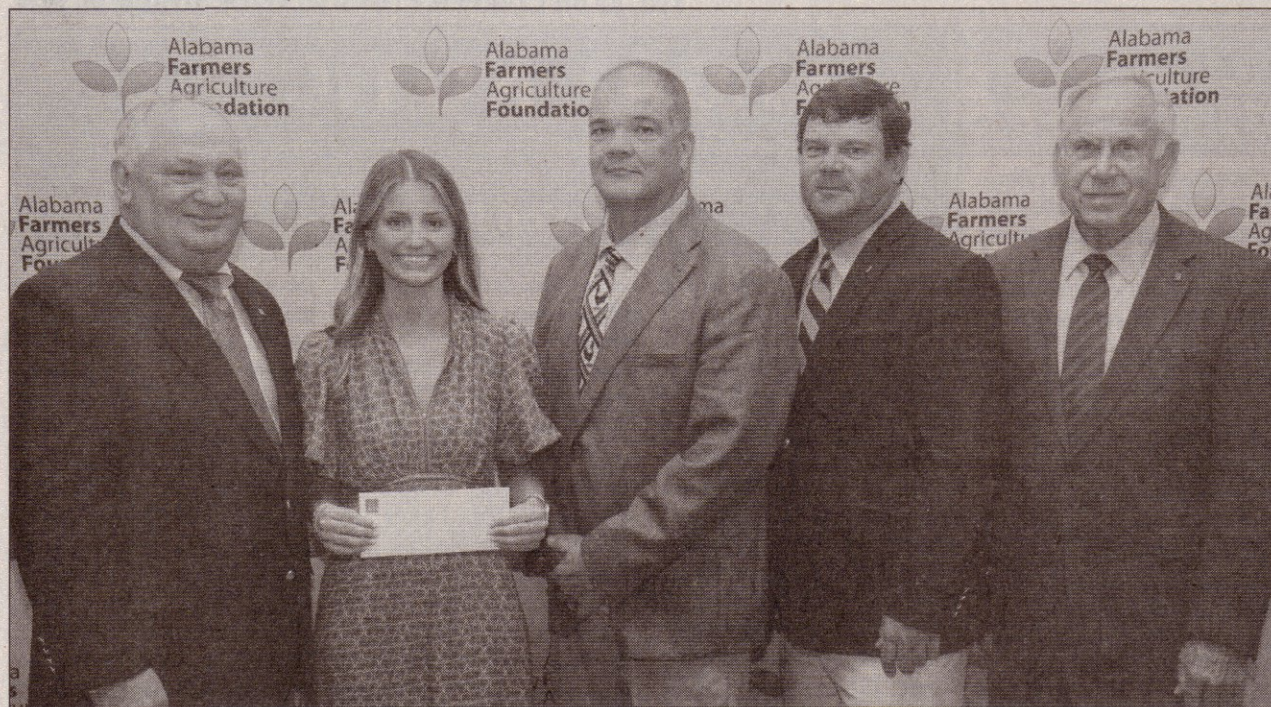
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Local Receives College Scholarship, Cultivating The Future of Alabama Agriculture...Coffee County native and Auburn University student Emily Ward received a \$1,750 scholarship from the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation and the Coffee County Farmers Federation. Ward was recognized during the Alabama Farmers Federation scholarship reception Sept. 23 at Lazenby Farms in Auburn. Ward is a junior studying biological and agricultural technology management. From left are Federation President Jimmy Parnell, Ward, Coffee County Farmers Federation President Jamie Wyrosdick, Federation District 10 Director Trip Horne and Federation Southeast Vice President George Jeffcoat.



A RESCUE STORY...On a recent Saturday afternoon this group of Elba youngsters were traveling around the Forest Lake Drive neighborhood with parents when they discovered a turtle 'in danger' in the middle of the road. They quickly came to the turtle's rescue as Kip Brunson picked it up and returned it to Forest Lake. Of course, the whole gang went along for the safe return to water. The turtle rescuers included (from left) Stella Green, Laikyn Harrelson, Kayleigh Smith, Kip Brunson, Harper Green, London Grantham, and Byrdie Forbes. As far as residents of Forest Lake Drive know, the turtle has remained 'at home' since his safe return that day!

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Helping a Grandparent Grieve

When a grandchild dies, the grandparent often mourns the death on many levels. The grandparent probably loved the child dearly and may have been very close to him or her. The death has created a hole in the grandparent's life that cannot be filled by anyone else. Grandparents who were not close to the child who died, perhaps because they lived far away, may instead mourn the loss of a relationship they never had.

Grieving grandparents are also faced with witnessing their child's parent of the child who died-mourn the death. A parent's love for a child is perhaps the strongest of all human bonds. For the parents of the child who died, the pain of grief may seem intolerable. For the grandparents, watching their own child suffer so and feeling powerless to take away the hurt can feel almost as intolerable.

Young people aren't supposed to die. The death violates the natural order of life and seems terribly unfair. For grandparents, who may have lived long, rich lives already, the struggle to understand the death may bring about feelings of guilt. "Why didn't God take me, instead?" the grandparent may ask himself. "Why couldn't it have been me?"

Such feelings are both normal and necessary. You can help by encouraging the grandparent to talk about them.

Many people develop strong commitments to faith and spirituality as they get older. If you allow them, grieving grandparents will "teach you" about the role of faith and spirituality in their lives. Encourage them to express their faith if doing so helps them heal in grief.

Sometimes, however, faith can naturally complicate healing. The grandparent may feel angry at God for "taking" the grandchild. He then may feel guilty about his anger, because, he may reason, God is not to be questioned. Or the grandparent may struggle with feelings of doubt about God's plan or the afterlife.

Talking with a pastor may help the grandparent, as long as the pastor allows the grandparent to honestly express her feelings of anger, guilt and sadness. No one should tell a grandparent that she shouldn't grieve because the child has gone to heaven; mourning and having faith are not mutually exclusive.

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Obituaries

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JOSEPHINE GRISSETT FREE

Mrs. Josephine Grissett Free, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Oct. 4, 2024.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Baptist Church with burial following in New Home Cemetery at Basin. Bro. Garry Winstead and Bro. Danny Branch officiated the service with Gavin Free, Jacob Free, Tyler Blackwell and Dakota King serving as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen For The Cure at www.komen.org.

Mrs. Free was preceded in death by her daughter, Stephanie Free; sister, Lorine Jackson; and parents, Mable Bryant Grissett and Joe Frank Grissett.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years: Charles E. "Chick" Free; sons & daughters-in-law: Tim Free & Connie, and Chris Free & Meighan; brothers: Louie Grissett, Jack Grissett and Jerry Grissett; sisters: Nadine Gilley, Christine Holmes, Thelma Clark, Connie Brennan and Virginia Davis; grandchildren: Gavin Free & wife, Kayla, Laiken Free Blackwell & husband, Tyler, Jacob Free & wife, Darlene, and Emily Free King & husband,

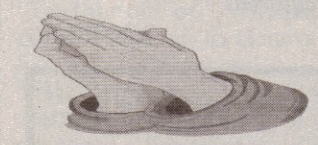
Dakota; and eight great-grandchildren.

JOYCE LAVERNE BARBER

Mrs. Joyce Laverne Barber, age 79, a resident of the Graceville Health Center died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024.

Graveside services were held Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, at Kingdom Life Ministries Cemetery, with her grandson, Lee Rhodes, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Barber; a son, Walter Barber; and her parents, Juanita and I.B. Whatley. Survivors include her daughters: Brenda (Steve) Rhodes, Graceville, Fla., Carol (Glenn) Bishop, Bruce, Fla.; step mother: Shirley Whatley, Panama City, Fla.; sisters: Marie Nichols, Defuniak Springs, Fla., Tammy Isler, Southport, Fla.; and a brother: Dewey Whatley, Panama City; along with nine grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and five great great-grandchildren.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Coffee County Water Authority has filed an application with ADEM for State Revolving Loan and American Rescue Funds to construct a new elevated water storage tank and a water supply well. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, at 5:30 P.M. at the office of the utility located at 401 E Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323 to acquaint citizens with the scope of the overall project. There will be a discussion on such items as economic and environmental impact, service area, alternatives, and other issues involving the project.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO.: PR-2024-169

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD L. JOHNSON, DECEASED

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **Gerald L. Johnson**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 18th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Theresa Diane Pelfrey Theresa Diane Pelfrey Co-Personal Representative of said Estate /s/ Gerald Lee Johnson, Jr. Gerald Lee Johnson, Jr. Co-Personal Representative of said Estate 9/26,10/3&10-pd.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the contracting of collection of garbage services will be received by the **City of Elba**, in the meeting room at the **City Hall of Elba at 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, Monday, October 28, 2024**, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The work generally consists of approximately the following: the collection of garbage services for the City of Elba.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the City Hall Tuesday; October 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete proposals made available by the Owner. Complete digital project bidding documents are available upon request to Sally Bane, City Clerk at sbane@elbaal.gov. Optional complete paper bid documents are available at Elba City Hall.; 200 Buford Street Elba, AL 36323.

All bids shall be submitted using the form provided in the bid packet. Bids not submitted with the form will not be opened. All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be addressed as follows and delivered to the City Hall of Elba at 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama, 36323, "Collection of Garbage Services."

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The successful bidder will

be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds.

Guarantee will be required with each bid for at least 5% of the amount of the bid filed in the form of a certified check, Bid Bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the owner payable to the **City of Elba**. Bid Bonds shall include certification that the bonding company is listed in Circular 570 of the U.S. Treasury Department. The name, address, telephone number, and contact person for the bonding company shall also be included. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids.

Tom Maddox
Mayor, City of Elba
9/26,10/3,10&17-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Enterprise Division
CASE NO.: PR-2023-070

IN RE: The estate of MARJORIE I. FARNUM, Deceased.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice to: Barbara Nieten
Address: 10496 S Walden Forest Circle, Homosassa, Florida 34446

Please take notice that a Petition of Personal Representatives for Final Discharge in the above-styled matter has been filed in said Court by Janet Lumley and Linda Zito, Petitioners, and that the 21st day of October, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. has been set for hearing on the same at the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this, you **MUST** file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court. Submitted this 19th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw
Gary D. Bradshaw (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 311412
Enterprise, AL 36331-1412
(334) 393-6439
9/26,10/3&10-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO.: PR-2024-165

In the Matter of the Estate of Helene Celia Peets, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Helene Celia Peets having been granted to John C. Accornero, Jr., Personal Representative, on the 18th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. **DONE** this 18th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge

9/26,10/3&10-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ENTERPRISE DIVISION
CASE NO.: PR-2024-164

In the Matter of the Estate of BETTY D. MILLS, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Betty D. Mills having been granted to James Mark Mills and Martha Elaine Mills Tuck,

Personal Representatives, on the 18th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 18th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
9/26,10/3&10-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ENTERPRISE DIVISION
CASE NO.: PR-2024-161

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Edwina S. Vaughn, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Edwina S. Vaughn, deceased, having been granted to Charles G. Vaughn, Personal Representative, on the 17th day of September, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334) 393-5146
9/26,10/3&10-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ENTERPRISE DIVISION
CASE NO.: PR-2024-131

In the Matter of the Estate of Jason Javell McKenzie, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Barbara Jones McKenzie, Personal Representative, on the 30th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. **DONE** this the 30th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
10/3,10&17-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO.: PR-2024-156

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL LEE MUNGER, DECEASED

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **DANIEL LEE MUNGER**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Mika A. Munger
MIKA A. MUNGER
Personal Representative of said Estate
10/10,17&24-pd.

MORE LEGAL NOTICES ON PAGES 5 & 9!

LEGAL NOTICES (con't from Page 4)

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that certain Mortgage, executed on November 17, 2021, by Pamela D. Thames and James B. Thames II, Wife and Husband, as Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp. as Mortgagee, which said Mortgage is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Geneva County, Alabama, in OFFREC Book 1133 at Page 430 on November 24, 2021, and subsequently assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC and recorded in OFFREC Book 1225 at Page 44 on April 1, 2024, and Partial Release recorded in OFFREC Book 1245, Page 335 on September 24, 2024; and default having continued under the terms of said Mortgage, and by virtue of Alabama Code Section 35-10-3 and 35-10-2, the following described real property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, during the legal hours of sale, on **November 4, 2024.**

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 23 East Geneva County, Alabama. Thence South 88°39' 54" East a distance of 1003.28 feet to the East side of County Highway #38 said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said point of beginning thence leaving said road South 88°39' 54" East a distance of 343.21 feet; thence South 01°10' 00" East a distance of 1241.66 feet; thence North 89° 51' 54" West a distance of 1159.68 feet to the East side of County Hwy #38; thence along said road being a curve to the right having a length of 130.77 feet, a radius of 1406.24 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of North 33° 01' 42" East, 130.73 feet; thence North 34°36' 40" East a distance of 425.57 feet to an existing concrete right of way marker; thence along a curve to the left having a length of 784.11 feet, radius of 7868.11 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of North 31° 53' 54" East, 783.79 feet; thence North 27° 50' 55" East a distance of 137.29 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel lying in and being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 23 East Geneva County, Alabama, and containing 21.02 acres, more or less.

A 30' EASEMENT RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: The SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 2, Range 23, and a strip of land 15 yards wide on the east side of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 2, Range 23, lying and being situated in Geneva County, Alabama. Said parcel being identified as tax assessment number 34-12-09-32-0-000-010.000.

ALSO: Thirty acres in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 5, Township 1, Range 23 lying North of the Geneva and Hartford Highway, LESS AND EXCEPT beginning at the intersection of the North line of said forty and the East right-of-way line of the Geneva-Newton Road, thence East 348 feet; thence South 375 feet; thence West 348 feet; thence North 375 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel being identified as tax assessment number 34-17-03-05-0-000-003.000

LESS & EXCEPT by Partial Release recorded September 24, 2024 in OFFREC Book 1245, Page 335; ALSO: Thirty acres in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 5, Township 1, Range 23 lying North of the Geneva and Hartford Highway, LESS AND EXCEPT beginning at the intersection of the North line of said forty and the East right-of-way line of the Geneva-Newton Road, thence East 348 feet; thence South 375 feet; thence West 348 feet; thence North

375 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel being identified as tax assessment number 34-17-03-05-0-000-003.000

Subject to all easements, restrictions and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Liens and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The property is being sold "as is, where is." Said property is sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use or enjoyment. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

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McPhail Sanchez, LLC
Counsel for Mortgagee/
Transferee
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251-438-2333
9/26,10/3&10-chg.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that certain Mortgage, executed on August 20, 2010, by Thomas Alton Boyles, unmarried and Carol Lee Delaney, unmarried, as Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc. as Mortgagee, which said Mortgage is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Geneva County, Alabama, in OFFREC Book 735 at Page 491 on August 31, 2010, and Modified in OFFREC Book 879, Page 233 recorded on March 17, 2015 and subsequently assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC and recorded in OFFREC Book 988 at Page 187 on April 24, 2018, and default having continued under the terms of said Mortgage, and by virtue of Alabama Code Section 35-10-3 and 35-10-2, the following described real property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, during the legal hours of sale, on **November 12, 2024.**

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Geneva, State of Alabama in Deed Book 375 at Page 192 and is described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2, Block A, Jordan Subdivision, as shown on plat of same as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 114, Office of the Judge of Probate, Geneva County, Alabama, together with all improvements situated thereon.

Subject to all easements, restrictions and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Liens and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property.

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ORDINANCE 09092024A AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELBA TO ADJUST THE BOUNDARIES OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF ELBA PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 11-46-23, CODE OF ALABAMA, 1975.

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-23 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, authorizes the City Council to alter the boundaries of the council districts; and WHEREAS, the City of Elba is divided into five (5) Council districts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, upon reviewing the 2020 Census data, has determined that changes in the population of each district warrant adjustments to the district boundaries to ensure equality in the voting process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has presented to the public a map depicting proposed changes to the district boundaries and has provided the public an opportunity to comment on said changes at a public hearing held on Aug. 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered public comments regarding the proposed changes; NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 11-46-23, Code of Alabama, 1975, the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama, does hereby readjust and reestablish the boundary lines of the five (5) Council Districts of the City and the territory composing each such district for purposes of City Council elections such that hereafter, said districts shall be and are described as follows:

DISTRICT 1:

That certain area in the City of Elba, Alabama lying within the following described district line:

Beginning at a point of intersection of the centerline of Taylor Mill Road and the northern boundary of the City of Elba, thence southeast along the centerline of Taylor Mill Road to its intersection with Highland Drive; thence east along the centerline of Highland Drive to its intersection with Claxton Avenue; thence generally southeast along the centerline of Claxton Avenue to its intersection with State Highway 203 Bypass; thence generally west along the centerline of State Highway 203 Bypass to its intersection with an unnamed tributary of Pea River; thence generally southeast along the unnamed tributary of Pea River to its intersection with Whitman Street; thence east along the centerline of Whitman Street to its intersection with Pinedale Drive; thence southeast along the centerline of Pinedale Drive to its intersection with Pine Cove Drive; thence generally southeast along the centerline of Pine Cove Drive to its intersection with Farris Avenue; thence east along the centerline of Farris Avenue to its intersection with Claxton Avenue; thence southeast along the centerline of Claxton Avenue to its intersection with Newton Street; thence southwest along the centerline of Newton Street to its intersection with Adkinson Avenue; thence continue west and northwest along the centerline of Martin Luther King Drive to its intersection with State Highway 203 Bypass; thence continue northwest along the centerline of Taylor Mill Road to its intersection with an unnamed private road that forms the boundary between 2020 Census Block 2009 and 2020 Census Block 2015 (southeast of intersection with Highland Drive); thence generally west along the unnamed private

road to its intersection with Beaver Dam Creek; thence generally northwest along Beaver Dam Creek to its intersection with the western boundary of the City of Elba; thence north and east along the boundary of the City of Elba to its intersection with Taylor Mill Road, being the point of beginning.

DISTRICT 2:

That certain area in the City of Elba, Alabama lying within the following described district line:

Beginning at a point of intersection of the centerline of Taylor Mill Road and the northern boundary of the City of Elba, thence generally east along the boundary of the City of Elba to its intersection with Neil Grantham Drive; thence generally south along the centerline of Neil Grantham Drive to its intersection with Flournoy Drive; thence generally west and south along the centerline of Flournoy Drive to its intersection with State Highway 203 Bypass; thence west along the centerline of State Highway 203 Bypass to its intersection with Claxton Avenue; thence north along the centerline of Claxton Avenue to

its intersection with Highland Drive; thence west along the centerline of Highland Drive to its intersection with Taylor Mill Road; thence northwest along the centerline of Taylor Mill Road to its intersection with the northern boundary of the City of Elba, being the point of beginning.

DISTRICT 3:

That certain area in the City of Elba, Alabama lying within the following described district line:

Beginning at a point of intersection of the centerline of Neil Grantham Drive (State Highway 87) and the northern boundary of the City of Elba, thence generally east, south, and west along the boundary of the City of Elba to the intersection of the southern boundary of the City of Elba and Pea River; thence generally north along Pea River to its intersection with an unnamed tributary of Pea River; thence generally north along the unnamed tributary of Pea River to its intersection on the north side of the Levee with an unnamed street that extends south from Adkinson Avenue; thence generally north along the unnamed street to its intersection with Putnam Street; thence north along the centerline of Adkinson Avenue to its intersection with Davis Street; thence east along the centerline of Davis Street to its intersection with Cordelia Avenue; thence north along the centerline of Cordelia Avenue to its intersection with Newton Street; thence northeast along the centerline of Newton Street to its intersection with Claxton Avenue; thence generally northwest along the centerline of Claxton Avenue to its intersection with Farris Avenue; thence west along the centerline of Farris Avenue to its intersection with Pine Cove Drive; thence generally northwest along the centerline of Pine Cove Drive to its intersection with Pinedale Drive; thence northwest along the centerline of Pinedale Drive to its intersection with Whitman Street; thence west along the centerline of Whitman Street to its intersection with an unnamed tributary of Pea River; thence generally northwest along the centerline of the unnamed tributary of Pea River to its intersection with State Highway 203 Bypass; thence east along the centerline of State Highway 203 Bypass to its intersection with Flournoy Drive; thence generally north and east along the centerline of Flournoy Drive to its intersection with Neil Grantham Drive; thence generally north along the centerline of Neil Grantham Drive to its intersection with the northern boundary of the City of Elba, being the point of beginning.

DISTRICT 4:

That certain area in the City of Elba, Alabama lying within the following

described district line:

Beginning at a point of intersection of Pea River and the southern boundary of the City of Elba, thence west along the boundary of the City of Elba to its intersection with Moores Creek; thence northwest along Moores Creek to its intersection with Reese Avenue (State Highway 189); thence northeast along the centerline of Reese Avenue to its intersection with Beaver Dam Creek; thence generally northwest along Beaver Dam Creek to its intersection with Caroline Street; thence northwest along the centerline of Caroline Street to its intersection with Boswell Street; thence southwest and west along the centerline of Boswell Street to its intersection with State Highway 203 Bypass; thence northwest along the centerline of State Highway 203 Bypass to its intersection with Hickman Avenue; thence southeast along the centerline of Hickman Avenue and continue onto Davis Street to its intersection with Adkinson Avenue; thence south along the centerline of Adkinson Avenue to its intersection with Putnam Street; thence generally south along an unnamed tributary of Pea River on the north side of the Levee; thence generally south along the unnamed tributary to its intersection with Pea River; thence generally south along the Pea River to its intersection with the southern boundary of the City of Elba, being the point of beginning.

DISTRICT 5:

That certain area in the City of Elba, Alabama lying within the following described district line:

Beginning at a point of intersection of Moores Creek and the southern boundary of the City of Elba, thence generally west and north along the boundary of the City of Elba to its intersection with Beaver Dam Creek; thence generally southeast along Beaver Dam Creek to its intersection with an unnamed private road that forms the boundary between 2020 Census Block 2009 and 2020 Census Block 2015; thence generally east along the unnamed private road to its intersection with Taylor Mill Road; thence southeast along the centerline of Taylor Mill Road to its intersection with State Highway 203 Bypass; thence southeast along the centerline of Martin Luther King Drive to its intersection with Adkinson Avenue; thence continue northeast along the centerline of Newton Street to its intersection with Cordelia Avenue; thence south along the centerline of Cordelia Avenue to its intersection with West Davis Street; thence west and northwest along the centerline of Davis Street and continue onto Hickman Avenue to its intersection with State Highway 203 Bypass; thence southeast along the centerline of State Highway 203 Bypass to its intersection with Boswell Street; thence east and northeast along the centerline of Boswell Street to its intersection with Caroline Street; thence southeast along the centerline of Caroline Street to its intersection with Beaver Dam Creek; thence generally southeast along Beaver Dam Creek to its intersection with Reese Avenue; thence southwest along the centerline of Reese Avenue to its intersection with Moores Creek; thence southeast along Moores Creek to its intersection with the southern boundary of the City of Elba, being the point of beginning.

SECTION 2: In accordance with the requirements of Section 11-46-23, Code of Alabama, 1975, the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama together with a map or plat of the City depicting the Voting Districts as herein divided and described.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication one (1) time in The Elba Clipper, a

newspaper of general circulation published in Coffee County, Alabama.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: All sections of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; and if any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the judgment or decree of any Court or competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance.

Duly Passed and Adopted this 9th day of September, 2024.

CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

By: /s/ Tom Maddox
Tom Maddox, Mayor

SEAL
Attest: /s/ Sally Bane
Sally Bane, City Clerk
10/10-chg.

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2023 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2023-236 (SB295), which ordered an election to be held on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 relating to Geneva County, Alabama; and WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks preceding the date appointed for the election in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in the county affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be held in Geneva County, Alabama, in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

A M E N D M E N T PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2023-236

In Geneva County, mayors of municipalities that participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama may participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama upon the same terms and conditions as may be specified by law for any other employee in the same retirement system. A mayor holding office at the time of the ratification of this amendment shall be eligible to purchase service credit in the Employees' Retirement System for the time the official has served in the current office. No individual may participate in both a supernumerary program and the Employees' Retirement System based on the same service.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in Geneva County, Alabama.

10/10,17,24&31-chg.

Notice of Public Sale. An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday, October 24th, 2024. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-46

UNIT A6 – PAMELA WARD HHG
UNIT A2 RORY MOORE HHG

10/3,10pd.

LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED TO PAGE 9!

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon spent two nights with us last week and the fiery little two-year-old just about wore his grandparents as we got to watch countless hours of Bluey and then stayed up until after midnight on Friday night before he finally dozed off. The little man can be as good as gold at times, but when he gets his mind set on something this set of grandparents have a hard time keeping up!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers fans barely had time to unpack* and get settled in Friday night as they made short work of Red Level in a big 46-6 region road win. Elba needed only 13 plays to score 40 points in the first half and then kept the ball the entire (six-minute) third quarter to push its lead to 46-0, before Red Level scored against the Elba reserves on the last play of the game. If Alvin Henderson had been named Forrest Gump he could have run for miles against the Red Level defense, but since he wasn't, he had to stop at the goal line on all three runs as he scored three touchdowns on three carries and rushed for a total of 80 yards, breaking his streak of 36 straight games rushing for over 100 yards. Cayden Adkins bulled his way for 114 yards and two more scores in the lopsided win and probably passed the 'hit of the season' on a Red Level runner that tried to reach the corner on a speed sweep. It may have been just a big win over an out-matched opponent to many, but it was a region road game the Tigers had to win to keep their region titles hopes alive and they did what they had to do. Good job!

*** *It was a so-so week for teams in the area*, unless you were from New Brockton or Brantley, as the Gamecocks and Bulldogs claimed huge road wins to keep their playoff hopes very much alive. * New Brockton rallied from a two-touchdown deficit in the third quarter to grab the lead and turned back a late Geneva scoring threat to stun the Panthers 37-35 and even its region record at 2-2 with two region games left against teams that are currently ahead of it in the region standings. Don't look now, but the Gamecocks are very much alive in the region race! * Brantley snapped a two-game losing streak and threw the region race into a five-team race for four sports with a surprising 16-12 road win over Georgiana. Many thought the Bulldogs would have to fight just to make the playoffs after the back-to-back home losses. However, they have proven once again that you can never count Brantley out! * Zion Chapel came up with enough big plays on defense to win several games, but failed to get on the scoreboard and lost its fourth straight game in a 22-0 setback to Pike Lib. The loss may have eliminated the Rebels from post-season play, but you know they won't quit fighting and will battle to close the season with a bang! * Kinston just couldn't get anything going on offense in a 41-0 loss to Floralata that knocked the Bulldogs out of the playoff picture. The Bulldogs can still make some noise with a couple of late-season road games against region contenders, and you know they will show up to win the games and throw a wrench into someone else's playoff plans.

*** *It was another exciting week* of high school football action all across the state in all seven classifications with one top-ranked team falling to open up the competition in the big school ranks. Here is a quick look back at the week that was.... (1A) Top-ranked Wadley took Woodland to the wood shed in a 49-14 win and second-ranked Leroy mauled Marengo 38-8, while in other games with local interest McKenzie spanked Pleasant Home 50-8, Sweet Water coasted past J.F. Shields 45-12 and Linden blanked McIntosh 50-0. (2A) Top-ranked Pisgah smoothed down

Sand Rock 40-20 and second-ranked Highland Home shot down Isabella 61-0, while in other area action Abbeville gashed G.W. Long 50-27, Cottonwood hammered Geneva County 52-20, Luverne clobbered Calhoun 36-0 and Providence Christian knocked off Arton 37-14. (3A) Top-ranked T.R. Miller manhandled Cottage Hill 41-7 and second-ranked Mars Hill routed Rogers 42-7, while closer to home Houston Academy rolled over Alabama Christian 45-18 and Slocomb nosed past Northside Methodist 40-21. (4A) Top-ranked Jackson flexed its muscles in a 55-16 romp over St. Michael's and second-ranked Pleasant Grove buried American Christian 41-7, while around the area Opp lost its first game of the season to Dale County 28-Pike County dumped Daleville 40-0, Straughn battled past Ashford 21-14, and Wicksburg got past Prattville in overtime 17-14. (5A) Top-ranked Montgomery Catholic embarrassed Carroll 65-0 and second-ranked Guntersville gored Grissom 51-14, while closer to the house Charles Henderson got a much needed 28-12 win over Andalusia, Eufaula beat up on Greenville 38-0 and Citronelle upset UMS-Wright 14-7. (6A) Top-ranked Saraland blasted Baldwin County 5507 and second-ranked Clay-Chalkville battled past Mt. Brook 21-14, while Rehobeth lost to Percy Julian 43-21 and Pike Road outscored Park Crossing 54-28. (7A) Top-ranked Central of Phenix City was knocked off by second-ranked Auburn 38-33, while Enterprise upset number three Carver 17-14 to pump life back into its playoff hopes, and Dothan was shut down in a 28-7 loss to Opelika.

*** *It had to be one of the worst weeks ever* for many college football fans across the state as Alabama, Auburn and Troy all lost. * The Crimson Tide carried its #1 ranking to Nashville for what was supposed to be an easy win over Vanderbilt and got embarrassed 40-35 in a game in which the Tide's defense couldn't get off the field and Jalen Milroe came crashing back down to earth with two costly turnovers. I guess I need to give Vandy some credit for its game plan and give the head coach credit for knowing how to shop for players since he brought in 51 new players from across the country to try and have a winning season. * The Tigers played hard and battled until they gave out of gas in a 31-13 road loss to Georgia, in a game that the men from the 'plains' were simply outmanned. Sorry, Coach Freeze, if you played Georgia nine more times you would be 0-9. The Trojans fell to 1-5 on the season with a 38-17 home field loss to Texas State, a team that was once a whipping boy for the men of Troy. As I said last week, this year's version of the Trojans is simply not very good.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* was still shaking his head about Alabama's weekend trip to Nashville and stated that maybe now the new Bama coaching staff will realize there are never any easy wins against SEC opponents. After changing the subject, the local guesspert did admit he had a pretty good week of prep picking as he hit on 34 of his 39 picks, including Enterprise's upset win over Montgomery Carver, and left this week's fearless forecast. He goes....

ELBA VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Pea River felines will be back on the road again this week looking to keep alive their playoff hopes, and while back-to-back road trips can take its toll on even the best of teams, the guess here is that the felines will make nothing 'pleasant' for the 'home' team Friday night.

ELBA 47 PLEASANT HOME 6

Elba Tigers head to Pleasant Home Thursday night in key region match-up

The Elba Tigers will be back on the road Thursday night when they travel to Pleasant Home to battle the Pleasant Home Eagles, in an important region match-up.

Elba will enter the game riding a four-game winning streak with a 5-2 record, while Pleasant Home will bring a 1-5 record into the region clash.

"This is just as important as any game on our schedule because it is the next game on our schedule and it is a region game," stated Elba Tigers head coach Marc Sieving. "After our region loss back in week three we went back to work knowing we would need to win out against our region opponents to have a chance at winning the region title, and we have won four straight, with three left to play. This is the next game and the next team that stands in our way in our fight to win the region."

Pleasant Home posted

an early-season win over Fruitdale 14-6, but has struggled recently to score and to stop its opponents from scoring with losses to Geneva County 54-12, Brantley 39-0, Floralata 48-0, Red Level 41-7 and McKenzie 50-8.

"Pleasant Home has struggled lately," said Sieving, "but they play hard and never back down no matter the score. Their players know they are underdogs just about every time they take the field. However, they always show up to play and are a well-coached football team. We know we will get the best they have Friday night and will prepare for a four quarter region war against another region opponent."

"On offense Pleasant Home is running out of the single wing and has a pretty good running back that isn't afraid of contact," added Sieving. "They are still trying to find a way to be successful on offense, and it looks like the single

BRANTLEY VS. FLORALATA

The bulldogs from up above the creek enjoyed their trip away from the pound last weekend and this week will head down near the state line looking to chase away a litter of kitties that like to hang out near the lake. This one could be fun to watch!

BRANTLEY 38 FLORALATA 32**KINSTON VS. MCKENZIE**

The bulldogs from down near the county line will hitch-hike up into the woods of Butler County this weekend hunting a litter of kitties that have been making life tough on anyone not dressed in blue and gold. It may be a long ride back home.

MCKENZIE 30 KINSTON 24**ZION CHAPEL VS. BAKER**

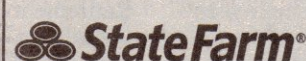
The troops from up at Fort Jack fired blanks for most of the game last week on a mission across the county line, but this week has a new shipment of ammunition all inspected and ready to fire against a squad from the sunshine state. While they may hit their targets more often, this one looks like another disappointing night.

BAKER 28 ZION CHAPEL 14**NEW BROCKTON VS. ASHFORD**

The roosters from up near the bypass were crowing all weekend after a wild region win and this week they have already had their shots to prevent any problems from the possibility of yellow jacket bites. In an upset....

NEW BROCKTON 34 ASHFORD 30**OTHER PICKS:**

Sweet Water 45 Fruitdale 0
Leroy 35 Sou. Choctaw 12
Millry 62 J.F. Shields 6
Georgiana 55 Red Level 0
Cottonwood 42 Arton 14
G.W. Long 34 Houston County 32
Providence Ch. 35 Abbeville 21
Geneva County 54 Samson 20
Calhoun 22 Barbour County 8
Goshen 27 Pike Lib 21
Highland Home 41 Luverne 13
Lanett 55 Central Coosa 0
T.R. Miller 42 Excel 7
Hillcrest 60 Monroe County 12
Wicksburg 21 Alabama Christian 20
Houston Academy 49 Prattville Ch. 10
Montgomery Acad. 38 Slocomb 8
Trinity 48 Northside Methodist 12
Jackson 44 Orange Beach 6
Dale County 54 Daleville 0
Opp 24 Geneva 21
Straughn 21 Pike County 18
Eufaula 28 Andalusia 21
Greenville 30 Carroll 20
Montgomery Catholic 45 Headland 14
Saraland 42 St. Paul's 17
Rehobeth 36 Park Crossing 32
Auburn 56 Smiths Station 0
Central PC 41 Montgomery Carver 10
Dothan 46 JAG 26
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Elba at Zion Chapel (4:00)

Pike Lib at Brantley (4:00)

Monday, Oct. 14**(JV Football)**

Luverne at Elba (6:00)

New Brockton at Enterprise (6:00)

Tuesday, Oct. 15**(Jr Basketball)**

Samson at Kinston (4:30)

Zion Chapel at Pike Lib (5:00)

Highland Home at Brantley (4:30)

Wednesday, Oct. 16**(Volleyball)**

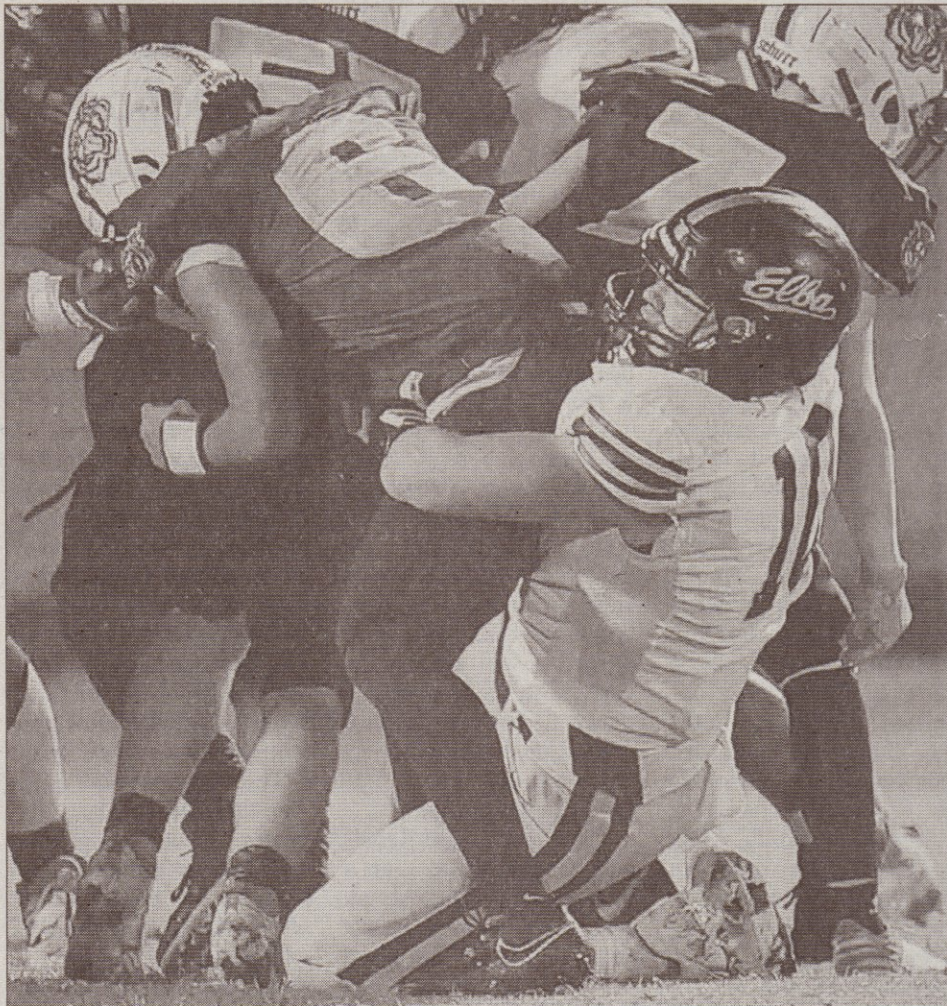
Area Tourney, in Brantley

4:00 – Elba vs. Red Level

SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Jordan Hammonds (in white) holds the football high for all to see after making a fumble recovery in last week's 46-6 region road win over Red Level. Elba will travel to Pleasant Home Thursday night looking to remain atop the region standings.



Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) drags down a Red Level runner from behind in last week's 46-6 region win. Adkins also had a big night on offense as he rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns to help the Tigers wining streak reach four games.



Elba Tiger Cassidy Carpenter (7) looks for room to run in second half action in last week's 46-6 win over Red Level. Carpenter scored a touchdown on a 2-yard run in the big road win.

Tigers thump Red Level 46-6

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by, BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers upped their winning streak to four games and moved into a tie atop the region standings Friday night with a dominating 46-6 road win over the Red Level Tigers. Elba began its initial possession of the night at the Red Level 47-yardline and scored on its first play from scrimmage when Alvin Henderson took a direct snap and sprinted 47 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point attempt failed, but with 9:19 remaining in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 6-0. Elba got the ball back at its own 44-yardline following a Red Level punt and this time went 56 yards in five plays to extend its lead. A 41-yard run by Caden Adkins was a key play in the scoring drive, while Henderson scored his second touchdown of the quarter on a 9-yard dash. Trai Davis added the extra-point as Elba's lead grew to 13-0 with 4:29 left in the first quarter.

Elba's third offensive series began near midfield and lasted only one play as Adkins kept up the middle and rambled 46 yards into the endzone. Davis kicked the extra-point as the Tigers lead went to 20-0 with 1:30 still left in the opening quarter. Elba's next possession began at the Elba 39-yardline after another Red Level punt and this time it took the Tigers two plays to cover the 61 yards into the endzone. A 37-yard pass from Adkins to Henderson on first down moved the Tigers to the Red Level 24-yardline, and on the next play Henderson scored on his third touchdown of the half on a 24-yard run. Davis booted the extra-

point as the Tigers lead increased to 27-0 with 10:34 left in the second quarter. Elba began its next possession at its own 31-yardline after a defensive stand and from there the Tigers needed only three plays to add to their lead. Jacob Watkins broke loose on a 33-yard scamper to get the drive started, while the Tiger touchdown came on a 12-yard run by Cayden Adkins. Davis again added the extra-point as the Tigers lead went to 34-0 with 2:03 remaining in the quarter. Elba's final possession of the half began at the Red Level 28-yardline after a fumble recovery by Jordan Hammonds, and its final points of the half came on the next play when Watkins again got the call and this time scored on a 28-yard run with 43-seconds left on the clock. The extra-point try failed; however, at the half the Tigers were in complete command with a 40-0 lead.

The second half was shortened to a pair of six minute quarters due to the lopsided score and both teams had one offensive possession, each that lasted an entire quarter. Elba received the second half kickoff and drove 41 yards in six plays to score its final points of the night. Brady Johnson rushed for 13 yards on two carries to help lead the Tigers downfield, while Cassidy Carpenter added 14 yards on two carries and capped the drive with a 2-yard td run. The extra-point failed, but heading into the final stanza Elba was still in command with a 46-0 lead.



Elba Tiger Jacob Watkins (6) eyes a Red Level running back prior to the snap in last week's 46-6 region win. Watkins will lead the Tigers this week into Pleasant Home in week 8 action.

Red Level began its ensuing possession at its own 47-yardline and went 53 yards in five plays to get on the scoreboard. Malique Copeland capped the scoring drive with a 20-yard scoring run on the final play of the game, and after a two-point pass missed its target the final score stood at Elba 46 Red Level 6. Cayden Adkins rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns on four carries and Alvin Henderson added 80 yards and three touchdowns on three carries to lead the Tigers ground attack, while Jacob Watkins added 61 yards and one td on two carries and Cassidy Carpenter rushed for 14 yards and one td on two carries. Adkins completed one pass to Alvin Henderson for 37 yards.

| The yardstick.... | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| EL | | RL |
| 12 | 1 st Downs | 6 |
| 18-294 | Rushes-Yds. | 23-73 |
| 37 | Passing Yds. | 3 |
| 331 | Total Offense | 76 |
| 1-1-0 | Passes | 1-6-0 |
| 1/0 | Fumbles/Lost | 3/1 |
| 0-0 | Punts-Ave. | 3-25 |
| 6-65 | Penalties-Yds. | 7-57 |

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Three area teams hit the road for key region encounters in week 8 action

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to keep

The Gamcocks have won three of their last four games, including a pair of region wins to keep their post-season hopes alive, while the Yellow Jackets will enter the game on a three-game losing streak, including two region losses.



SCOREBOARD TOLD THE STORY last week after the New Brockton Gamecocks exciting 37-35 region road win over Geneva.

Statistics by *Brandon White*

Silar rushed for 26 yards on two carries and Baylor Foster scored a touchdown on a 7-yard run as the Gamecocks pulled even at 14-14, and the two regional rivals swapped scores on their next possessions as Geneva's Tucker Taylor scored on a 33-yard run and

defense stopped Brockton on fourth down and inches away from the Gamecock 22-yardline to keep its comeback hopes alive, and when Anthony Silar broke loose on a 63-yard touchdown sprint, and Foster ran in the two-point conversion, the Gamecocks had retaken the

From combined reports

to Brantley will travel
-0 Florala Friday night
another big region game

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Zion Chapel Rebel John Foster Hamm (0) looks for an open receiver as he rolls out in last week's 22-0 region loss to Pike Liberal Arts.




Kinston High School Marching Band keeps an eye on the action on the field.

Statistics by W.J. Adcock

Judd Green rushed for 43 yards on nine carries and Colby Tew added 39 yards on six carries to lead the Bulldogs on offense, while Triston Kilpatrick had five tackles to lead the defense.

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A black and white photograph of a football player in profile, facing left. He is wearing a dark jersey with the number 1 on the sleeve and a white helmet with a dark facemask. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a stadium setting.

Brantley Bulldog Jayden Parks (1) keeps an eye on the action from the sidelines.



Brantley Bulldog Trashaun Brooks (50) gets a well-deserved break in a recent Bulldog battle.

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Scripture: Psalm 3: 1-8

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Aretha Wright 10/26
Erma Smith McNeal 10/27
Jerry and Nell McMillan 10/27 W.A.
Dallas Luckett 10/28
Willie O. Edwards 10/29
Tre A. Williams 10/29
Mary H. Robinson 10/29
Akira Hutchinson 10/29
Quinton D. Smith 10/31

Pear River M.B. Church Pastor's 3rd Anniversary

will be Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2:30 p.m. honoring Pastor Judson Edge. Guest speaker will be Bishop George F. Edge from the Restoration Church of Americus of Americus, Ga. Pea River M.B. Church is located at 11233 Hwy 51 N, New Brockton, Ala.

Keeping a Memory Alive

During the 1950's James Dean was a popular film star. He was also a rebellious idol of many teenagers. Dean was only 24 years old when he died tragically in 1955. He was driving his Porsche sports car north from Los Angeles to Salinas, California when at about the halfway point of his trip another car turned left into his path. Dean died instantly in the collision. Three days after Dean's death, Warner Brothers released "Rebel Without a Cause" – a film in which he had starred and a rather peculiar fascination with James Dean resulted.

Even today, more than four decades later, Dean's memory is renewed annually when his fans trace the route Dean took the day he died. On the anniversary of his death,

participants in the "Rebel Run" drive old cars from the 1950s and stop for a few moments at the places where Dean stopped on that fateful day: a gas station, a snack bar, and a country store. Their drive ends at the corner where Dean's life ended.

Much less bizarre (and far more useful) is the tradition initiated by the words of the text in Deuteronomy 6: 1-9, 20-25. When the children of Israelites would ask why they kept the words of God, they would be told, not of a drive to death, but of an escape to life. God had set their ancestors free from slavery in Egypt, and the laws and customs of their nation were a timeless reminder of God's goodness. The people were to focus on the victorious beginning of their nation, not on the end of a short but rebellious life. – C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 10/10/24

Q: to which city of Judah did David go to be made King of Judah? (city of Jerusalem, city of Bethlehem, city of Hebron)
A: Hebron [2 Samuel 2: 3,4]

Q: How many tribes of Israel did God say He would give to Solomon's son? (5, 1, 12)
A: One [1 King 11:13]

Thought to Remember

If you are headed in the wrong direction, God allows U Turns.

Questions for the week of 10/17/24

Q: What question did the Philippian jailer ask Paul and Silas?

Q: What did Gideon's men cry as they went into battle?

Q: Men of a certain town were responsible for burying Saul. What was it?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 attended this month's "Breakfast Gathering" held at Ms. Linda's, located on the square in Elba. The group gathered Tuesday morning, Oct. 8, at the local restaurant to enjoy great food and fellowship. Those present this month included: (front, l to r) Neal Hutto, Terry Calhoun, Anglin Tanner, John Lawless, Merrill Shirley and Bobby Edmondson; (back, l to r) Eddie Thompson, Harry Young, Jackey Tindol, David Blackmon, Kenneth Baker, and Butch Oggs.

Whitewater Baptist Church to celebrate Homecoming this Sunday, Oct. 13th

Whitewater Baptist Church, located at 4301 Hwy. 125, Elba, Ala., will celebrate 163 years on Sunday, Oct. 13, with its annual Homecoming service.

Services for this day will begin at 10:30 a.m. Providing special music and serving as guest speaker be Nick Akin from Atlanta, Ga.

A covered dish luncheon will follow the serves in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend.

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What does the Bible say about... Forgiving Others?

Article written by Douglas Williams



Jesus teaches us, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors...For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:12, 14-15).

"Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:21-22).

"And be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

God has always been especially concerned about our spiritual heart, which is our mind. "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7), and we don't need stinky thinking in our minds. What we hold in our heart, or think, has a great effect upon us physically, mentally, and spiritually. The mind has great effects upon the body, so it is no wonder that there is taught in the Bible a special inwardness to Christianity concerning what we believe, think and feel.

Studies have shown that

there is real, and strong evidence to support the idea that many diseases and physical breakdowns are a result of our thinking. To the extent we realize this, we will see the importance of forgiveness rather than holding hatred, grudges, etc., in our hearts. "Holding grudges" does more harm to that person than the one against whom the ill-will is manifested. In other words, forgiveness is not primarily a favor to the person you are forgiving but a favor to you as the one extending forgiveness.

One person said he had to learn this the hard way by having a duodenal ulcer with very severe hemorrhaging. He said, "Forgiveness is the greatest act of self-interest in which you can possibly engage. When you forgive you quit committing suicide. A burden is lifted from your life. Happiness, with a sense of release, comes with a measure that few have ever known."

Jesus is our greatest example. As He was dying on the cross, having reason to have hatred and resentment, said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Or Stephen, being stoned to death, said, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin" (Acts 7:60).

LEGAL NOTICES:

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2024 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2024-301 (HB302), proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

A M E N D M E N T PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2024-301

(a) All sixteenth section and indemnity school land that is owned in fee simple by the Franklin County School System, is located in Fayette County and Walker County, and is for the exclusive use of schools in the Franklin County School System is vested in the Franklin County Board of Education.

The board may manage, sell, lease, and control the land and any timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land.

(b) Any proceeds generated from the sale of timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land, or from the lease or sale of the land or its natural resources, shall be paid to the Franklin County Board of Education and deposited into the Franklin County Board of Education General Fund.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that this amendment supersede any other provision of this constitution that may be construed as conflicting with this amendment as it relates to the land and the rights, power, and control thereof and to the sale, lease, or other disposition of the land and timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land, and any proceeds and interest earned therefrom.

(d) Upon ratification of this amendment, all proceeds realized from the sale, lease, or other disposition of the land or the sale of timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land occurring before ratification of this amendment, and held in trust by the State of Alabama, shall continue to be held in trust, and any proceeds and interest derived from those transactions shall be paid to the Franklin County Board of Education.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in every county as required by law. 10/10,17,24&31-chg.

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| GENERAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA NOVEMBER 5, 2024 | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> KAMALA D. HARRIS TIM WALZ | <input type="radio"/> CHAD HANSON | <input type="radio"/> KIM ELLIS |
| <input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP JD VANCE | FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 3 (Vote for One) | <input type="radio"/> SONNY MOORE |
| <input type="radio"/> ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. NICOLE SHANNAN | <input type="radio"/> TERRY A. MOORE | <input type="radio"/> JOEY POWELL |
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| <input type="radio"/> JILL STEIN DANCON KOMJAN-LIBEAU KPAGENDOU | <input type="radio"/> RICHARD MINOR | <input type="radio"/> JIMMY E. JONES |
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| <input type="radio"/> BARRY MOORE | FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 3 (Vote for One) | <input type="radio"/> JIM THOMPSON |
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| <input type="radio"/> GREG ORFEN | <input type="radio"/> FOR PRESIDENT, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (Vote for One) | <input type="radio"/> JIMMY E. JONES |
| <input type="radio"/> SARAH STEWART | <input type="radio"/> TWINKLE ANDRESS CAVANAUGH | <input type="radio"/> JIMMY E. JONES |
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| <input type="radio"/> JAY MITCHELL | | <input type="radio"/> JIMMY E. JONES |

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| <input type="radio"/> CLINT GRANTHAM | <input type="radio"/> MIKE BAILEY |
| FOR MEMBER, COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 2 (Vote for One) | FOR MEMBER, COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 3 (Vote for One) |
| <input type="radio"/> KIM ELLIS | <input type="radio"/> GALEN L. MOWATERS |
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| <input type="radio"/> JOEY POWELL | |
| FOR MEMBER, COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 5 (Vote for One) | |
| <input type="radio"/> JIMMY E. JONES | |
| FOR MEMBER, COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 6 (Vote for One) | |
| <input type="radio"/> JIM THOMPSON | |
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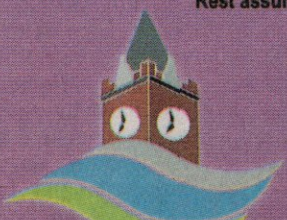
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Brainminders is a Pilot International signature program designed to teach safety to children to help prevent brain injuries. The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise has chosen to present Brainminders programs to all second grade students, approximately 550 students in seven schools. Using hand puppets, the Brainminder buddies, Martin the Monkey, Wise Old Owl, Gerald the Giraffe, Bob the Beagle, Zack the Zebra, and Diego the Donkey, teach about brain safety tips. They discuss wearing helmets on bikes, safety on riding the school bus, calling 911, playground safety, and other appropriate rules. Each student is then presented with a coloring book with brain safety tips. Those pictured above with the Brainminder buddies are (from left) Fran Walters, Debbie Godfrey, Caroline Gebhart, Debbie Shelton, Julie Mills, and Sandra Danford.

Local graduates from Washburn University

Washburn University of Topeka, Kansas, recently announced that Katlynn Carpenter, Carpenter was part of the Summer 2024 of Elba, Ala., had graduated with a degree in certificate with an emphasis in radiation

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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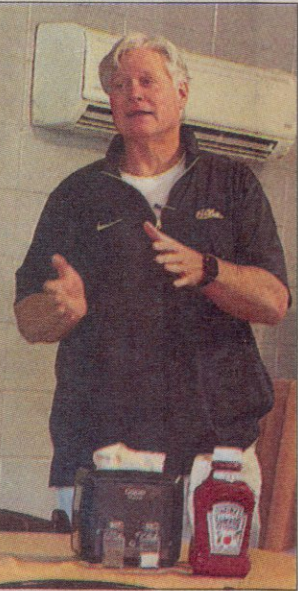
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Elba City Schools Acting Superintendent Ted Watson served as guest speaker at a recent Elba Quarterback Club "Gameday" Lunch meeting held at the Elba Country Club. Due to this week's Elba vs. Pleasant Home football game being moved to Thursday night, Oct. 10, rather than Friday night, Oct. 11, there will be no Elba Quarterback Club meeting this week. The Gameday meetings will resume next Friday, Oct. 18, at 11:30 a.m.

Reminder!

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Friday, Oct. 11, due to an out-of-town trip.